



## 2017 Legislative Session: Bills GCDD is Tracking

### 2017 Leg. Report

- HB 0016** Keisha Waites      Elementary and secondary education; bullying; revise provisions  
12/5/2016 - House - House Prefiled  
**Summary:** A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to discipline of students in elementary and secondary education, so as to revise provisions relating to bullying; to prohibit bullying and harassment of students and school employees; to require annual reporting of bullying and harassment incidents; to provide for definitions; to provide for requirements for local boards of education and state charter schools; to provide for requirements for the Department of Education; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.
- HB 0028** Billy Mitchell      Elementary and secondary education; test for lead contamination in drinking water in public and private schools; require  
1/11/2017 - House - House Second Readers  
**Summary:** A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health of students in elementary and secondary education, so as to require testing of drinking water in public and private schools for lead contamination; to provide for remediation plans or alternate sources of drinking water; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for an exemption; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.
- HB 0043** David Ralston      Supplemental appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017  
1/26/2017 - House - House Passed/Adopted By Substitute  
**Summary:** A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act making and providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, known as the "General Appropriations Act," Act No. 517, approved May 2, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, Volume One, Appendix, commencing at page 1 of 145), so as to make, provide, and change certain appropriations for the operation of the state government and its departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, institutions, and other agencies, for the university system, common schools, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions, for all other governmental activities, projects, and undertakings authorized by law, and for all leases, contracts, agreements, and grants authorized by law; to provide for the control and administration of funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.
- HB 0065** Allen Peake      Low THC Oil Patient Registry; conditions and eligibility; change provisions  
1/24/2017 - House - House Second Readers  
**Summary:** A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 31-2A-18 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the establishment of the Low THC Oil Patient Registry, definitions, purpose, registration cards, quarterly reports, and waiver forms, so as to change provisions relating to conditions and eligibility; to provide a definition; to remove certain reporting requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.
- HB 0077** Dar'shun Kendrick      Elementary and secondary education; training materials in mental health; provide  
1/25/2017 - House - House Second Readers  
**Summary:** A BILL to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for the development

of a list of training materials in mental health, behavioral disabilities, and learning disabilities; to provide that no cause of action is created; to provide that no duty of care is created; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

**[HB 0154](#)** Sharon Cooper Dental hygienists; perform certain functions under general supervision; authorize  
1/26/2017 - House - House Hopper

**Summary:** A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dental hygienists, so as to authorize licensed dental hygienists to perform certain functions under general supervision in certain settings; to provide for legislative findings and intent; to provide for definitions; to provide for criteria; to provide for requirements; to collect certain Medicaid data; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

**[HR 0036](#)** Allen Peake Medical cannabis; production and sale to certain individuals for medical usage;  
authorize - CA

1/24/2017 - House - House Second Readers

**Summary:** A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide by law for the regulation of the production of cannabis and sale of medical cannabis to certain individuals for medical usage as provided by law; to provide that the fees paid from the production of cannabis and state tax proceeds from the sale of medical cannabis be dedicated; to provide that such funds shall not lapse; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

**[SB 0008](#)** Renee Unterman "Surprise Billing and Consumer Protection Act"; health insurance; provide consumer  
protections; definitions

1/24/2017 - Senate - Senate Read and Referred

**Summary:** A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, so as to provide for consumer protections regarding health insurance; to provide for definitions; to provide for disclosure requirements of providers, hospitals, and insurers; to provide for billing and reimbursement of out-of-network services; to provide for procedures for dispute resolution for surprise bills for nonemergency services; to provide for payment of emergency services; to provide for an out-of-network reimbursement rate workgroup; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

**[SB 0012](#)** Renee Unterman Dental Hygienists; perform certain functions under general supervision; authorize  
licensed dental hygienists

1/23/2017 - Senate - Senate Read and Referred

**Summary:** A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dental hygienists, so as to authorize licensed dental hygienists to perform certain functions under general supervision; to provide for legislative findings and intent; to provide for criteria; to require professional liability insurance by licensed dental hygienists performing under general supervision; to provide for definitions; to provide for intent; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

**[SB 0016](#)** Ben Watson Low THC Oil; definition; provisions relating to conditions eligible for use; change  
1/12/2017 - Senate - Senate Read and Referred

**Summary:** A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 8 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 and Code Section 31-2A-18 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the regulation of low THC oil and the establishment of the Low THC Oil Patient Registry, definitions, purpose, registration cards, quarterly reports, and waiver forms, respectively, so as to change the definition of low THC oil; to change provisions relating to conditions eligible for use of low THC oil; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

**[SB 0053](#)** Valencia Seay Handicapped Persons; adult changing stations in certain commercial public facilities;  
provide installation and maintenance

1/25/2017 - Senate - Senate Read and Referred

**Summary:** A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 30 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to handicapped persons, so as to provide for the installation and maintenance of adult changing stations in certain commercial public facilities for persons with disabilities; to provide for definitions; to provide for the powers and duties of the Safety Fire Commissioner; to provide for limitations; to provide for enforcement; to provide for exemptions; to provide for penalties; to provide for federal law compliance; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

**[SB 0063](#)** Horacena Tate 'Georgia Family Medical Leave Act'

1/25/2017 - Senate - Senate Read and Referred

**Summary:** A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 34 of the O.C.G.A., relating to labor and industrial relations, so as to provide for the creation of a program to compensate in part for the wage loss sustained by any individual who is unable to work due to such individual's own sickness or injury, the sickness or injury of a family member, or the birth, adoption, or foster care placement of a new child; to create the Family Medical Leave Fund; to provide for contributions to such fund; to provide for filing determination and payment of claims; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations by the Department of Labor; to provide for related matters; to provide a contingent effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

[SB 0070](#) Butch Miller Hospital Medicaid Financing Program; sunset provision; extend

1/26/2017 - Senate - Senate Read and Referred

**Summary:** A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6C of Chapter 8 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the hospital Medicaid financing program, so as to extend the sunset provision; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.